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SUBJECT: DEN UYL'S VISIT TO SWEDEN

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1. SUMMARY-DUTCH AND SWEDISH PRIME MINISTERS HELD WIDE-RANGING TALKS ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, MIDDLE EAST, ANGOLA, TINDEMANS REPORT, AND SOUTHERN EUROPE DURING DEN UYL VISIT TO STOCKHOLM LAST WEEK. NOT SURPRISINGLY, TWO IN GENERAL

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AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

2. DIRECTOR OF NORTHERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS IN MFA, VAN SOEST, HAS GIVEN US RUNDOWN OF TALKS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES HELD BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL (ACCOMANIED BY MFA STATE SECRETARY BRINKHORST) AND PRIMIN PALME DURING DEN UYL'S VISIT JAN 9-11. MFA HAS NO REPORT ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC ISSUES, BUT VAN SOEST DID REMARK THAT STORIES IN CONSERVATIVE DUTCH PRESS WHICH CLAIMED THAT DEN UYL HAD CRITICIZED SWEDISH WELFARE STATE WERE TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT.

3. NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES-DEN UYL VOICED HOPE THAT CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN "LIKE-MINDED" COUNTRIES ON DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY COULD CONTINUE. PERHAPS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND WOULD DROP OUT AS A RESULT OF THEIR ELECTIONS, BUT BELGIUM AND FINLAND MIGHT BE ADDED. SUMMER MIGHT BE A GOOD TIME TO RESUME CONSULTATIONS IN THE GOURP.

4. MIDDLE EAST-NOTING THAT SWEDEN WAS OPPOSED TO UN ACTION EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM, PALME SAID THAT IT WOULD BE WRONG TO ATTACK THE UN ITSELF FOR THE ACTION. AS PLO MUST BE HEARD AS REPRESENTATIVES OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, SWEDE WOULD VOTE TO ALLOW THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN UNSC DEBATE. DUTCH PRIMIN CALLED ZIONISM RESOLUTION A MENACE TO UN ORGANIZATION AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. DEN UYL APPARENTLY STRESSED HOPE THAT SWEDEN WOULD COOPERATE WITH NETHERLANDS AND OTHERS IN TALKING TO NON-ALIGNED ABOUT ERROR IN LABELING ZIONISM AS RACISM.

5. ANOLA-SWEDEN LIKE HOLLAND WOLD BASE DECISION ON RECOGNITION IN ANGOLA ON "TERRITORIALITY,Z AND WAS NOT CONSIDERING ANY RECOGNITION FOR THE MOMENT. IN COMMENT TO US, MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID THAT DUTCH POSITION ON QUESTION INVOLVED MORE THAN SIMPLE CONTROL OF TERRITORY AND HE SUPPOSED THAT WAS CASE WITH SWEDES AS WELL, BUT HIS REPORTING CABLE FROM STOCKHOLM ONLY MENTIONED "TERRITORIALITY." PALME WENT ON TO TELL DEN UYL THAT HE HAD KNOWN AGOSTINHO NETO (MPLA LEADER) FOR OVER TEN YEARS AND IDEA OF HIS BEING A FRONT MAN FOR MOSCOW WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION.

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(WE REALIZE THIS NOT CONSISTENT WITH REFTTEL.) MPLA (IT NOT CLEAR WHO) HAD TOLD SWEDES THAT WEAPONS FROM SOVIETS ONLY ACCEPTED RELUCTANTLY. SWEDEN HAS GIVEN 11.5 MILLION KRONA TO MPLA AS AID. MONEY WAS STILL BEING SET ASIDE, BUTNOT BEING HANDED OVER AT MOMENT, EXCEPT FOR SOME GOING THROUGH RED CROSS.

6. TINDEMANS REPORT-PALME WELCOMED DEN UYL BRIEFING ON TINDEMANS REPORT WHICH HE HAD NOT YET SEEN. DUTCH PRIMIN SAID THAT NETHERLANDS FAVORED PARALLEL MOVEMENT IN EEC DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL POLICIES. DEN UYL

SAID CHANCES FOR ADOPTION OF ENTIRE TINDEMANS REPORT WERE NOT GOOD, BUT THAT PARTS WERE LIKELY TO BE APPROVED.

7. SOUTHERN EUROPE-(ITALY) DEN UYL THOUGHT THAT ITALIAN COMMUNISTS MIGHT SCORE BIG GAINS IF AN ELECTION WERE HELD AND MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN SUBSEQUENT GOVERNMENT. PALME THOUGHT PCI WOULD HAVE TO DROP SOME OF ITS DOGMA IF IT EXPECTED TO LEAVE "POLITICAL GHETTO." PARTY WOULD HAVE TO GIVE UP ITS ADHERENCE TO DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT AND PROLETARIAT SOLIDARITY WITH THE SOVIET UNION. BY FOLLOWING THIS COURSE, SPLIT COULD DEVELOP IN PCI AS IT HAD IN FINNISH COMMUNIST PARTY, AND, ACCORDING TO PALME, COULD LEAD TO A CRISIS IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. (SPAIN) PALME SAID HE BELIEVED THAT WESTERN EUROPEAN REACTIONS TO SPANISH EXECUTIONS IN NOVEMBER HAD PREVENTED FURTHER BLOODSHED. SPANISH SOCIALIST LEADER GONZALEZ HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS HOPEFUL ABOUT TRENDS IN SPAIN, BUT THAT ELECTIONS MUST BE TOTALLY FREE OR ELSE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS MIGHT NOT PARTICIPATE. DEN UYL SAID HE THOUGHT LIBERALIZATION IN SPAIN WAS PROCEEDING RATHER SLOWLY. (PORTUGAL) ONLY COMMENT DUTCH REPORTED TO US WAS PALME'S REMARK THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL HAD BEEN FAVORABLE AND HAD BEEN HELPED BY MISTAKES OF PORTUGUESE LEFT IN ADOPTING LENINIST ELITIST APPROACH. GOULD

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